# MANY LIVES LOST IN NEW YORK FIRE

Big City.

SCORE DIE IN A TENEMENT

ong Beach Hotel Is Wholly Destroyed.

ALL CONEY ISLAND THREATENED

Steamship Comes Into Her Dock on Fire-Steeplechase Park Is Burned.

Fires ranged in and around New York yesterday. There was a disin the city, where twenty people of the murder of former Gov. Steunendied and fifteen were injured. Sunday, great damage being done. Steeplechase Park was totally desteamship Hamilton of the Old Dominion line came into her dock on fire, causing a loss of about \$15,000. There was an explosion preceding the tenement house fire, and it is thought that it was caused by a "Black Hand" bomb.

NEW YORK, July 29.-Shocking loss of human life and destruction of property worth more than \$1,000,000 were caused by fire in New York and its immediate vicinity this morning. Twenty persons are dead and fifteen suffering from serious injury as a result of the burning of a six-story double tenement in Chrystie street, and heavy financial loss resulted from the destruction of the Long Beach Hotel at Long Beach today, and the Steeplechase Park and other property at Coney Island yesterday. In addition, the steamship Hamilton the imprisoned president of the Western of the Old Dominion Line, came into port yesterday with part of her hold ablaze. The Hamilton was at her deck before any of the passengers knew there was a fire on board. The flames were extinguished after about \$15,000 damage had been done.

The explosion of a bomb placed, the police believe, by agents of the Black Hand in an Italian grocery store on Chrystie street, started the fire which swept through the teeming Italian tenement and lestroyed the lives of a score of people and injured fifteen others. The noise of the explosion caused a panic in the densely populated district. The police say that many perished in the flames, fearing to escape to the streets, where they believed death awaited them from the dreaded Black Hand. A second explosion from a kerosene tank followed, and the whole lower floor was a mass of flames from blazing oil. The fire shot up the stairways, cutting off all escape from those in the bedrooms above. Many rushed to the fire escapes, which became clogged with frightened people. The house was filled with dense smoke, and the flames, rushing upstairs, drove the half-crazed people toward the roof. The flames killed many as they were about to be rescued from the roof, while others were overcome by smoke. There were many heroic rescues by firemen The bodies of the dead were found in all manner of places. Four women were discovered dead in a closet, where they had rushed to hide from the flames, which found them out. The body of a woman was found lying over a child as though she had tried to protect it from the flames. Five bodies were found crowded around one doorway on the top floor showing that they had been struck down while trying to escape. After an all-night search the police

announced that there were twenty victims of the fire. The bodies of the dead were found in all sorts of unexpected places to which the people had fied when the fire broke out. Almost all of the bodies were burned beyond recognition, many to such an extent that it was impossible to distin guish the sex. A majority of the victims, the police believe, were women and chil-

Only five of the victims had been identified up to an early hour today. They were Marlite Di Dollco, his wife, Amelia, and their two infant children, and Frank Shields, a bed-ridden cripple, who was carried out alive by the firemen, but who succumbed to his injuries soon after his res-

The burned building was one of those old-fashioned tenements common to the East Side, with a store on the ground floor and the apartments upstairs crowded with tenants, mainly Italians. The fire started in the store, and swept through the building with such rapidity that a fifth of the 100 tenants in the place met a horrible death. Another score, though they escaped with their lives, were more or less burned, or ptherwise injured. After the fire an unknown man was found wandering delirious in the street, suffering intense agony from burns which extended from head to foot. His clothes had been burned from his body, only here and there a shred remaining at-

tached to the blistered flesh Brave work by the police and firemen aved many lives, one fireman alone rescuing five persons.

It is thought the fire was caused by an

explosion, a citizen saying that he heard a loud report, and saw the store window crack and fall in pleces. If this is true, it is possible that the great loss of life is due to a "Black Hand" outrage.

The fire wave first struck Coney Island

yesterday, and before it subsided Steeplechase Park, a score of hotels and several Miners' Union Hall speeches were made amusement attractions were in ruins and from open windows by labor leaders and many persons were homeless. The next fire was the steamship fire. Then came the Chrystie street tenement disaster and today the Long Beach Hotel was destroyed. soo guests were all in their beds when the flames were discovered, but all left the building in safety.

# GUESTS FLEE FOR LIFE.

Long Beach (L. I.) Hotel Burned to the Ground-\$200,000 Loss.

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BUTTE, Mont., July 29 .- Seven thousand miners and other union workers of Butte paraded the streets in this city last evening as an expression of their gratification at the acquittal of William D. Haywood. Preceded by pictures of Haywood, banners on which were inscribed the sentiments of the marching thousands and by big American flags and with a band playing stirring music, the procession started four abreast from in front of the Miners' Union Hall and traversed all the principal thoroughfares of the city. Occupying a position of honor be-tween two American flags at the head of the procession was a big silk banner of the union, bearing its motto: "Charity to all,

malice toward none." The line of march was thronged by thousands of men, women and children, and as the sidewalks stepped into the ranks and the latter to get the deputies under arms marched along. It was one of the largest and be prepared to move at a moment's parades ever held in Butte. Returning to notice in case the striking ore handlers by President Duffy of the Miners' Union.

# GOMPERS' VIEWS.

### Says No Honest Jury Could Have Done Otherwise.

Commenting upon the outcome of the Haywood trial at Boise, Idaho, President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor last night declared that no honest American jury could have brought there for the United States Steel interests LONG BEACH, L. I., July 29.-Eight in any other verdict. He said:



the Co-defendant.

PROSECUTION AGAINST HIM

They Will Oppose His Release on Any Terms.

ALL BOISE DISCUSSES VERDICT

Miners Celebrate at Butte-W. J. Bryan on the Trial-Town Remains Peaceful.

BOISE, July 29. - Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners and co-defendant with William D. astrous blaze in a tenement house | Haywood, who yesterday was acquitted of \$25,000 and released this afternoon.

Coney Island was threatened on | An agreement to this end was reached this morning between counsel for the state and defense, but the making of the formal application and entry was poststroyed, Long Beach Hotel was poned from 10 a.m.—the hour at which Lurned this morning, and the the court convened today-until 2 p.m. The delay was asked for to allow further conferences between counsel as to what action shall be taken in the case of George A. Pettibone, the third of the noted defendants brought from Colorado to Idaho eighteen months ago.

It is understood that the attorneys for the state will oppose bail for Fettibone nounced that he would not adjourn court for the term until tomorrow night, and any order agreed upon by the attorneys might be entered up to that time.

The big courtroom today presented far different picture from the closing days of the Haywood trial. The jury box and all the spectators' benches were empty, and only a handful of attorneys sat within the rail.

None of the defendants was in court. All Boise still discusses the verdict, and apparently the people are taking but little interest as to the future course of the prosecution.

Application for ball for Charles H. Mover Federation of Miners, and George A. Pettithe murder of former Gov. Steunenberg, district court of Ada county this morning. The charge is the same as that under consideration before the jury in the same ourtroom for the last eleven weeks. Only e characters are different, William D. Haywood, the secretary-treasurer of the federation, having beer discharged from custody yesterday. It is expected that the

Pettibone will be refused. In both

cases the state will resist the granting of The defense will argue that the two remaining defendants row in custody having been arrested under the same indictment as Haywood and the charge against Hay wood being that he was a part of the con spiracy and not actually the murderer it physical sense of Steunenberg, the clearing of Haywood clears the two men charged with being co-conspirators with Haywood. The state will resist on the ground that while the jury acquitted Haywood this was the result of failure in the eyes of the jury to bring sufficient evidence to link up the connection of the men charged with conspiracy to commit the with conspiracy to commit the crime with the crime Itself and the man Orchard, who is the confessed slayer of Steunenberg, but that at the next trial purpose of the state is to that Pettibone was a part of the conspiracy and that the evidence available against Haywood would be used against Pettibone, with the necessary filling in to enable the jury to convict.

# Surprised the Defense.

The decision of the state to continue the prosecution of the men, under arrest and the statement that Jack Simpkins, the fugitive from justice indicted with them. is almost within the reach of the law and may be arrested at any time came as a surprise to counsel for the defense, who confidently expected that Moyer and Pettibone be released. Haywood spent last night quietly at the house in Boise where his family has been living since the trial commenced. It was a happy gathering and the released man received congratula-tions from his friends in a steady stream. The telegrams continue to pour in from nearly every town in the Union.

Haywood will remain here some days be-fore going to Denver to take up his work. John Murphy, the general counsel for the Western Federation of Miners, who is dying of consumption here, is a great friend of Haywood, and arrangements are now being made to take him back to Denver, if possible, before his death. Haywood will probably accompany him.

Bolse has accepted the verdict quietly and in the same spirit that has been in evidence since the 'rial commenced. Gooding takes the position that the state having announced a determination to leave the decision with judge and jury in the Haywood case will maintain position with regard to Moyer and Petti-

# Miners March in Butte.

have violated their agreement, and if they want to come back on the old terms they Ore Handlers Resume Work. SUPERIOR, Wis., July 29.-The Allouez ore docks are working today with a small erew which has increased gradually since starting up. Many of the Finnish workmen have gone to the harvest fields, and the ef-forts to hold an organization together to fight for more pay have failed. Men Under Arms in Minnesota.

# Special Dispatch to The Star.

BOVEY, Minn., July 29 .- Sheriff Hoolihan, who is at Nashwauk, sent a telegram to his deputy here yesterday instructing cause trouble.

OF THE MINES.

On all sides the stripping and mining

rifles occupy advantageous positions on

stumps and piles of ore or rubbish, and the

men at work are assured of ample pro-

tection against the strikers, although the

latter have as yet made no hostile demon-

stration. At Eleveth the companies are

apparently awaiting the outcome of the action taken at Hibbing, and none of the

nines was opened this morning.

In the Hibbing district, however, all is

At the Morris and Sellers mines strip-

Ore is being taken in limited quantities

thut down Saturday night, pending the

Agitators Ordered Away.

In the Chisohlm mine stripping opera-

tions and underground mining are in full

At the Clark mine thirty men were put

Acting President Mahoney of the West-

They held a conference for

ime. Afterward they drove to the Steven-

son mine, but the mine officials ordered them off the location. This morning they

drove to the Morris mine, and here Supt.

Later they stopped at the Winifred mine

direction of Chischim. Mahoney stated

about ten days. He said the strike would

Strike at Duluth Near End.

At a meeting held this morning the mer

consist of two men from the company, two

from the men and one to be chosen by

The offer is being drawn up and will be

submitted to the company this afternoon by Mayor Cullom, who has been acting as

pany will accept the offer, claiming there

s nothing to arbitrate. It claims the men

It is doubtful whether the com-

of so many armed deputies.

which, however, is doubtful.

ping operations are going on with full

it the Albany have also been resumed.

cutcome of the Hibbing situation.

to work this morning.

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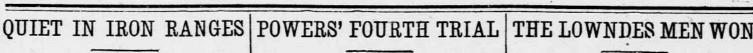
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air of activity visible once more.

sign of trouble was reported.

A mass meeting of citizens sympathizing with the United States Steel Corporation in its controversy with the ore handlers was held here yesterday, with the result that about 150 men under arms are reported to be camped about the city hall, prepared to entrain in ten minutes' time There are about 100 men under arms at the Holman location, who will be picked up en route to Nashwauk.

The mines at Nashwauk have not been closed at all. This is said to be the strong-



BACK FROM BOLIVAR HEIGHTS.

### FOR GOEBEL MURDER. HIBBING, Minn., July 29.-Black smoke Special Dispatch to The Star. can be seen issuing from dozens of stacks

GEORGETOWN, Ky., July 20.-Charged on the range this morning, and there is an with complicity in the murder of Senator William Goebel, Caleb Powers, former sec- today was inclined to be harmonious retary of state, was placed on trial today operations are being resumed, and not a for the fourth time. He has twice received a life sentence and once the death penalty. At all of the mines deputies armed with When court convened this morning attorneys for the defense made a motion to have Special Judge Robbins sworn off the bench, and filed an affidavit containing a sensational allegation. They claim that Robbins was unfair in the former trial and that he is unfit to sit in the case. An affidavit was submitted to Robbins, who read it, and adjourned court until after-

noon, when it will be passed on. It is reported that should he refuse to leave the bench the defense will carry it to the court of appeals. The consensus of opinion is that he will stay on the bench from the Laura, Webb, Albany, Nashua opinion is that he will stay on the bench and Winiferd mines. Stripping operations and proceed with the trial, and take the chances that he will be upheld. Powers Winston Brothers & Dear, who have said this morning that he was sanguine been stripping at the Burt Poole mine, of success in the trial and that he thought the state had the weakest case it had yet presented. His appearance shows plainly that his confinement of seven years has considerably broken his health. Wharton Golden and Frank Cecil, two of

the state's most important witnesses in

# INTERNATIONAL PRIZE COURT.

former trials, are here to testify.

ern Federation of Miners reached Hibbing yesterday, and was met by Strike Leader Great Britain and Germany Practi-

cally Agreed on Hague Proposal. THE HAGUE, July 29.-Great Britain and Germany have practically agreed on a proposition regarding the establishment of Thompson told them to keep moving. an international prize court, under the terms of which the tribunal is made perfor a moment and then continued in the manent and is to have fifteen judges. The United States, Japan and six of the great that he expected to remain on the range European powers will furnish one judge be continued in the same way as it has each, Latin America will supply two and been conducted up to the present time, and that there would be no violence if he the remaining five will be sent from other and that there would be no violence if he could help it. He deplored the presence countries represented in the peace conference. It is understood further that if the American proposal regarding the establishnent of a permanent court of arbitration is DULUTH, Minn., July 29.-Before night adopted, and this seems most likely, the the strike of the dock workers in Duluth judges of the arbitration court will be also will be at an end if the steel corporation the judges of the prize court. The prize will be at an end if the steel corporation court is to include two admirals, to be apaccepts the offer of the men to arbitrate, pointed by the beiligerents, but to be present in an advisory capacity only. This sug-gestion was made by Joseph H. Choate of voted to present a written agreement to the the American delegation.

There are still differences of opinion becompany by which they offer to go back to vork at once and leave all differences to arbitration. The arbitration committee will

tween Great Britain and Germany regarding the laws under which the prize court will operate.

### TERRIFIC HEAT IN TEXAS. Remarkable Visitation Affecting Area Three Miles Long.

McGREGOR, Tex., July 29.-The most terrific heat visitation ever known in Texas occurred here Sunday, continuing about an hour and twenty minutes. Thermometers registered 179 degrees in the sun and 117 in the shade. An area of three miles long and two miles wide was affected. The heat was accompanied by a peculiar haze, which moved over the area affected. Scores of people were overcome. Horses cattle, hogs and poultry dropped dead, one man losing thirty-five head of stock. The

# Wreck Victims Now Four.

phenomenon has not been explained.

BROCKTON, Mass., July 29.-Frederick Gordon, brakeman on the special train that was in collision with a freight train on the Plymouth division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford road near here late last night, died of his injuries today, bringing the total of dead up to four. The accident was caused by the special crashing into the rear end of the freight. It is understood that the crew of the special saw no signal from the freight train,

Senator Clark's Former Partner Dead. AMSTERDAM, N. Y., July 29 .- William R. Kenyon, twice mayor of Butte, Mont., and chairman of the democratic state central committee of that state, is dead at his

### AN AIR OF ACTIVITY AT MANY FORMER OFFICIAL FACES JURY RESULT OF REPUBLICAN CONVEN-TION AT CUMBERLAND TODAY.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

CUMBERLAND, Md., July 29.-Contrary to expectations, the republican convention Charles H. Holtzman, the former Pearre leader, who is now a warm advocate of Lloyd Lowndes, presided. The name of Bird E. Wilson of Eckhart was proposed by the opposition, but Holtzman won easily. The secretaries of the convention were James Schuyler of Lonaconing and Walter Sills of Cumberland. Mr. Holtzman, when he took the gavel, was heartily applauded. The convention was called to order by John J. Bell, chairman of the state central committee for Allegany county, who is a Pearre leader. A mass delegation chosen to the state convention is headed by Benjamin A. Richmond. Ex-Senator Wellingtion, as is ex-State Senator David E. Dick who was on the floor of the convention holding a proxy from Lonaconing, Mr. Holtzman was also a delegate, having a Cumberland proxy. The new state central committee, made up of the friends of Mr. Lowndes, is composed of Horace P. Whitworth, Thomas A. Smith, Dr. Timothy Griffith, W. Bladen Lowndes, Charles H Holtzman and Edward Rhodes

The minority made a report, naming the old state central committee, composed of the friends of Representative Pearre, as the new sate central committee, but the newly named committee won, receiving twentyseven votes to eleven for the Pearre com mittee, representing the strength of the two elements in the convention.

Ex-Senator Dick was the chairman of the committee on resolutions, credentials, etc.

# The Resolutions.

The resolutions indorse and commend for any political preferment in any office to which he may aspire Mr. Lloyd Lowndes The administration of Roosevelt is indorsed and state that the people look upon the Nopublican party to redeem the state from democratic misrule and corruption. The convention was one of the most largely attended in years, and many of the

warmest supporters of Representative Pearre were among the spectators. W. Bladen Lowndes, one of the members of the new state central committee, was a delegate to the convention from Mount Savage. He is a brother of Mr. Lloyd Lowndes, who was a spectator at the convention, which was a spectator at the con-vention, which was overflowing with can-didates for the county nominations to be made at the primaries on September 7. There will be at least sixty aspirants for he seventeen nominations. It was decided

to have no speechmaking. A motion to call upon Mr. Llove Lowndes to make a speech was squelched n a brief address by ex-Senator Dick, who declared that it was not an occasion-for speechmaking, that speechmaking was to e made on the outside and directed against the common enemy. Mr. Dick declared that Lowdnes spoke most eloquent-ly on the result of the primaries Satur-

The report from the missing district of Orleans was received today, and it was carried for Pearre which, with three Cumerland districts, one Frostburg district, Eckhart and Ellerslie, gave his forces eleven votes, the rest of the district going for Lowndes. Lowndes carried Bar-ton, the home of Mr. James Campbell, deputy surveyor of the port of Balti-more, and a leader in the Pearre forces, The Pearre people say that their vote

did not come out at the primaries, that the vote of Mr. Lowndes was equal to that cast for him a year ago in his congressional fight, while the combined vote for the Pearre ticket was nearly 1,000 less than last year. On the total vote, the Lowndse majority is about 400 in the pri-

# MORE RIPPER OUTRAGES.

### Many Berlin Residents Alarmed Over the Situation.

BERLIN. July 29.-The recurrence of a 'ripper' outrage has caused another wave of nervous fear and dread to break over the city. A woman, on opening the door of a-flat, surprised a man in the act of striking down an eleven-year-old girl. The woman screamed and the man ran and succeeded in getting away. This occurred in the neighborhood of the previous outrages.

Affliction of Many Summer Visitors to Oyster Bay.

VILLAGERS KNOW SYMPTOMS

One Has a Varied Collection of Relics for Sale.

YOUNG ARMY OFFICER HAD IT

Would Stock a Second-Hand Shop.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., July 29 .- Gov. Guild of Massachusetts and Acting Sec retary of the Navy Newberry took lunch-

on with President Roosevelt at Sagamore

Gov. Guild talked over with the President the details of the trip which the latter is to Provincefown August 20 to attend the unveiling of the monument to commemorate the landing of the Pilgrims. The President will make the trip to Provincetown on the Mayflower and deliver the

principal address there.

The President announced today the appointment of the following postmasters Clyde B. Scott, Greenleaf, Kansas; Clarence N. Garvin, Derry, New Hampshire (late West Derry); Ralph L. Philbrick, Hoquiam, Wash.; W. J. Scott. Deniuson, Tex. Although the season is half over visitor continue to arrive at the summer capital

and every boarding house and hotel is crowded to its capacity. The village has some attraction of its own, but its great drawing card, of course, is the fact that President Roosevelt has his home here, and very few summer visitors leave who do not oast that they have seen the President at east once, either at church Sunday or at is home at Sagamore Hill. Some of the they cause him annoyance. Such was the case yesterday when a middle-aged man President as possible in church, and, failing to get within a dozen pews of him, hurried out of church and waited at the entrance

for him to pass. The man was so insistent that several secret service men became alarmed and crowded about to see that they did no harm. Another of the President's warm admirers came last week. He was a young army officer from Washington, and applied for board at a cottage on South street. The visitor was anxious to stay in a place that had some presidential association, and, therefore, jumped at the chance to occupy a room which Secretary Loeb once occupled before he became a property-holder. "Are you sure that Mr. Loeb slept in this bed?" the army officer asked the boarding house lady in an awesome tone. "On this identical bed," was the proud reply, "and this is the chair he sat in."

# They Supplied Him.

As soon as he got located the visitor started on a systematic search for Rooseveltiana. If there is one thing that the Oyster Bayite enjoys more than another it s the opportunity to practice upon the redulity of a hero-worshiper. Therefore, it did not take long for the rumor to get abroad that another victim had arrived. The army officer stayed in Oyster Bay a week, and when he left he took away the following articles: One musty rabbit skin, aleged to have been the property of President Roosevelt when a boy; one stuffed owl, said to have been shot by President Roosevelt in 1875; three cracked birds' eggs, said to have been gathered by President Roosevelt when only eight years old and present ed to a young woman he was in love with; three rusty guns; one pair of antiers, said to have been given by President Roosevelt to a citizen of the village; a broken oar; one calendar, said to have been hung on the wall of the room Secretary Loeb occupied and frequently consulted by him; one leather carriage seat, said to have been used by President Roosevelt the first day he re-turned to Oyster Bay after his election; one straw hat, said to have been worn by Archie Roosevelt; a broken revolver, said o have been the property of Theodore

The collector paid a good price for all the articles, and an enterprising merchant now advertises that he has a quantity of

### Lunched With the President. By Associated Press.

Roosevelt relics for sale.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., July 29.-Gov Guild of Massachusetts lunched with President Roosevelt today. Acting Secretary of the Navy Newberry also was a once if it is found that a handbook runner, luncheon guest at the President's summer home. The object of Gov. Guild's visit was to take up with the President the details of the ceremonies attending the unveiling of the monument to commemorate the landing of the Pilgrims at Provincetown. This celebration is to take place August

20, and the President, who will go there on the Mayflower, will make the principal Appointments.

### following postmasters: Clyde B. Scott, Greenleaf, Kan.; Ralph I. Philbrick, Hoquiam, Washington; W. J. Scott, Denison, Tex.

President Roosevelt today appointed the

FORMER MAYOR IN JAIL. Thomas Black of Kenton, Ohio, Charged With Forgery.

KENTON, Ohio, July 29.-Thomas Black, the most prominent lawyer in the city, a leading republican politician and mayor for two terms, is in jail on a charge of forgery. He gave himself up to the shelff today and asked to be placed behind the bars.

Black was intrusted with the business of many clients. One of his clients and a trusting friend was Dr. F. W. Sapp, a wealthy man of Columbus, who owns much property here. Black acted as the doctor's

# ROOSEVELTITIS DEPARTMENTS ARE SHUT TO GAMBLERS; OFFICIALS ALERT

Weather.

row, fair.

Partly cloudy tonight. Tomor

Government Clerks Must Not Play Handbook Game.

TWO MEN UNDER SUSPICION

Carried Off a Line of Souvenirs That | Treasury Employes Being Watched by Authorities.

DETECTIVE SHIFT DUE SOON

Changes at Headquarters Await Return of Commissioner West-Scope of Anti-Gambling Campaign

Widens.

The war on handbooks is being carried into every nook and corner where the bookmakers have done business, and another week of the anti-gambling campaign opens with the officials of the various government departments on the alert against the operations of "runners" among their clerks. In one departn ent two men suspected of having dealings with handbook men are being watched, and if sufficient evidence is secured they will be dealt with in summary fashion. Meanwhile, there is activity all along the line. The "shake-up" in detective headquarters is expected soon, and Prosecuting Attorney Given has announced that in addition to handbooks all forms of gambling must

Making of handbooks and betting on the races by clerks in the buildings of the government departments will be fraught man tried to get as close to the with serious consequences in the future, Government officials have entered the cam paign against gambling, and it will go hard with any one who is found to be indulging in such business.

In the Treasury two men suspected of being implicated in the handbook game are under surveillance, according to Chief Clerk W. W. Ludlow, in spite of the strine gent order issued three years ago by Secre. tary Shaw against bookmaking in the department. At that time, It is said, a regular bookmaking business was being carried

### on by Treasury employes. Will Be Stamped Out.

Chic Clerk Carr of the Department of State said that he had heard nothing of

any systematic betting in the building. "I have no doubt." he said, "that many of the clerks bet on the races, but I do not know that they do so in the building. If any such practice is discovered it will be stamped out at once."

F. S. Curtis, acting chief clerk of the Navy Department, said: "There is no doubt that this betting with handbooks is a serious evil, especially where it has grown to such dimensions as it has been permitted to reach in Washington. So far as I know, the practice is not carried on directly in this building. If I find out that a handbook runner visits the building to collect bets his traffic will be stopped at once in this department. As far as betting being done by the employes when they go out to lunch is concerned, or their placing their money by telephone, using the public booths in the corridors to send their messages to the handbook men. I do not see what we can do. But we certainly can calla halt on any use of the building to further the purposes of the bookmakers'

At the War Department Chief Clerk Scofield had heard no more than his colleagues of any bookmaking business carried on in the building.

# Order May Be Issued.

"I think," said he, ' that I should surely have heard of any such nefarious traffic if it had been going on for some tme. If it is true that the employes of the depart-ment are placing bets in the building and will be issued against the practice and the abuse will be stamped out at once. There is no doubt that many of the men bet on the races, but that they do it here in the building I do not know and I do not see how they could do it constantly without my being aware of it. An order against berting in the building will be issued at or an agent of the bookmaker's has had access to the employes in this depart-

ment.

At the Treasury Chief Clerk Walter W. Ludlow was most emphatic in his state-ment regarding betting by the employes. He recalled the condition of affairs in the department three years ago when the running of handbooks in the building had become a scandal, and was stopped by an order issued by Secretary Shaw. Mr. Ludow said that in his opinion the clerks would remember the lesson given at that time and would refrain from making books themselves or from becoming agents of bookmakers, or implicated in anyway in the lawless hunt for other people's money. "Two men," said he, "have been under surveillance, being suspected of making books, but thus far we have no evidence against them. If we find that anything of the sort is going on here the prompt punishment of the offenders will follow. hear that the campaign of The Star has put out of business four bookmakers in one block. If that condition is made permanent the city will be the gainer."

# On the Watch.

At the Post Office Department the chief clerk was inclined to think that no bookmaking was going on in the building. He had no doubt that some of the employes bet on the races, but could not see how a Black acknowledged the forgery of papers involving the sum of \$28,000. His operations extend, he says, over a period of that the department would be watchful and nip in the bud any such practice.

Chief Clerk Edward M. Dawson of the Department of the Interior had not learned of any handbook work going on among the clerks in his department.

"I think," he said, "that just now any man with such an inclination would be 

# hundred guests of the Long Beach Hotel,